

more to stop this devastating scourge of gun violence. This is killing our children and our parents. It is robbing people of their loved ones and leaving families of victims devastated, with a grief and a gaping loss that can never be repaired.

In my district, North Carolina's Sixth Congressional District, we lost one of our best, most dedicated law enforcement officers to gun violence in the past year. Sergeant Dale Nix, a real hero who devoted his life to helping victims of domestic violence. Our whole community continues to mourn his loss.

As an active member of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, I urge my colleagues to work with us on things that the vast majority of Americans agree on: Universal background checks, safe storage laws, community and violence intervention programs. We are ready to work with the majority. Please work with us to do the right thing for our children and our future.

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from North Carolina for her comments.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to one of our newest Members of the Democratic Caucus, Mr. TIM KENNEDY of New York.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I thank Representatives MIKE THOMPSON and LUCY MCBATH and Assistant Leader JOE NEGUSE, along with the rest of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force for organizing this important Special Order.

I especially thank Representative MCBATH, not only for her leadership, but for sharing her extremely personal and heartbreaking story. It is inspiring to see Representative MCBATH turn her grief into action to help save lives in this country. I am honored to stand by her side.

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Mr. Speaker, gun violence is an epidemic in our country, one that requires a national response.

In May 2022, a racist, domestic terrorist opened fire in the Tops Supermarket on Jefferson Avenue in Buffalo, in the heart of our community, stealing the lives of 10 innocent souls and severely wounding 3 others.

Just last Friday, a beautiful 3-year-old boy, Ramone L. Carter, was riding his tricycle when he was struck and killed by a bullet. His older sister, Jamia Griffin, age 7, was also grazed and hospitalized. Our community has rallied around Ramone and Jamia's family, but we know that no amount of support can undo the pain and unspeakable anguish that they feel.

That same day, in Fordyce, Alabama, a gunman opened fire with a shotgun at another grocery store, claiming the lives of four people and wounding nine, including two law enforcement officers.

Grocery store patrons and employees being slaughtered. Children and toddlers being murdered. Police being shot. It cannot continue.

This week, the U.S. Surgeon General declared gun violence a public health

crisis in America. It is the leading cause of death among children and adolescents.

The common thread here is clear: guns and the ease with which they can be attained.

We can stop this. We can choose another path.

In New York, following the Sandy Hook and Tops Supermarket shootings, we acted. We put in place strong red flag laws and banned high-capacity magazines and assault rifles. We made it possible to sue gun manufacturers for the damage caused by the weapons they produce that flood our streets. We created new grant programs for law enforcement to implement problem-oriented policing, using tactics like hot spots policing, street outreach, and crime prevention through environmental design, all adding up to a more targeted and effective approach to preventing gun violence.

To address mental health's role in gun violence, we made a record \$1 billion investment in mental health services.

These actions work.

As of this month, police departments participating in the State's Gun Involved Violence Elimination initiative saw a 28 percent decrease in shooting incidents resulting in injuries in the first 5 months of the year, but those laws won't save lives across our country. They won't stop guns from coming into New York.

We need Congress to act. At a time when we have the Supreme Court nitpicking whether a gun with a bump stock is a machine gun, like the one used in Las Vegas to shoot 90 rounds in 10 seconds, we need Congress to act.

When you can't send your kid to school, your loved one to the grocery store, or simply sit outside without fear of gun violence, we need Congress to act.

That means universal background checks, reinstating the assault weapons ban, banning bump stocks, military-grade body armor, and high-capacity magazines.

Repealing the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, which gives near-blanket civil suit immunity to gun manufacturers. And, yes, robustly funding mental health resources.

Nobody is coming after the Second Amendment. We are simply trying to save our kids' lives.

As a parent and as a community member who has been to far too many funerals due to gun violence, I implore my colleagues to work with us to pass these policies and make this country safer.

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for their commitment to their communities and for the safety of this Nation. I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. JEFFRIES) for today on account of travel delay.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 4581. An act to amend title V of the Social Security Act to support stillbirth prevention and research, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 138.—An act to amend the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002 to modify certain provisions of that Act.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 49 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 9 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE MEMBERS, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, AND DELEGATES

The oath of office required by the sixth article of the Constitution of the United States, and as provided by section 2 of the act of May 13, 1884 (23 Stat. 22), to be administered to Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates of the House of Representatives, the text of which is carried in 5 U.S.C. 3331:

"I, AB, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

has been subscribed to in person and filed in duplicate with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the following Member of the 118th Congress, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. 25:

MICHAEL A. RULLI, Sixth District of Ohio.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-4599. A letter from the OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting

the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: DoD Mentor-Protégé Program (DFARS Case 2023-D011) [Docket: DARS-2023-0037] (RIN: 0750-AL84) received May 28, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4600. A letter from the OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Privacy Act of 1974: Implementation [Docket ID: DoD-2023-OS-0060] (RIN: 0790-AL64) received May 28, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4601. A letter from the Assistant to the Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Class III Tribal State Gaming Compacts [245A2100DD/AAKC001030/A0A501010.999900] (RIN: 1076-AF68) received May 28, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-4602. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary interim rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation: Sloop Channel, Nassau County, NY [Docket No.: USCG-2023-0532] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received June 12, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4603. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone: Saginaw Memorial Cup Fireworks, Saginaw River; Saginaw, MI [Docket Number: USCG-2024-0372] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received June 12, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4604. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Security Zone: Coast Guard Sector Key West, Trumbo Point Annex, Key West Harbor, Key West, FL [Docket Number: USCG-2023-0803] (RIN: 1625-AA11) received June 12, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4605. A letter from the Legal Tech, CG-LRA, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone: Revolution Wind Farm Project Area, Outer Continental Shelf, Lease OCS-A 0486, Offshore Rhode Island, Atlantic Ocean [Docket Number: USCG-2024-0134] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received June 12, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4606. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Special Local Regulation: Red River, Shreveport, LA [Docket Number: USCG-2024-0177] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received June 12, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4607. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary interim rule — Safety Zone: Thames River, Groton, CT [Docket Number: USCG-2024-0303] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received June 12, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4608. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Regulated Navigation Area: NW Natural Gasco Sediment Site Field Pilot Study, Willamette River, Portland, Oregon [Docket Number: USCG-2023-0971] (RIN: 1625-AA11) received June 12, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Ms. FOXX: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.J. Res. 165. A resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Non-discrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance." (Rept. 118-558). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 1316. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8774) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purpose; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8771) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8752) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-559). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. GRAVES of Missouri (for himself, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. ROUZER, and Mrs. NAPOLITANO):

H.R. 8812. A bill to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SMITH of Missouri (for himself and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin):

H.R. 8813. A bill to amend subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to address child welfare involvement caused by poverty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FEENSTRA (for himself and Mr. KILDEE):

H.R. 8814. A bill to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to establish a competitive grant program to enhance the ability of evidence-based child welfare programs to meet the research standards set by the Family First Prevention Services Clearinghouse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMITH of Nebraska (for himself and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin):

H.R. 8815. A bill to amend subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure that youth and parents with lived experience in the child welfare system are consulted on policies, ensuring representation and inclusion of their perspectives in State child welfare program planning; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BUCHANAN:

H.R. 8816. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a cognitive impairment detection benefit under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. STEUBE (for himself and Mr. PANETTA):

H.R. 8817. A bill to improve data collection and reporting for youth in residential treatment programs; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. RODGERS of Washington (for herself, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY):

H.R. 8818. A bill to provide Americans with foundational data privacy rights, create strong oversight mechanisms, and establish meaningful enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BALDERSON (for himself, Mr. SMUCKER, and Mr. MILLER of Ohio):

H.R. 8819. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a credit against tax, or refund of tax, for certain Federal insurance taxes for employees who are members of religious faiths which oppose participation in such insurance; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BURLISON:

H.R. 8820. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an above-the-line deduction for long-term care insurance premiums and to reduce certain tax credits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER (for herself, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Ms. WILD, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ):

H.R. 8821. A bill to ensure coverage for the treatment of infertility for certain conditions; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. GAETZ (for himself, Mrs. LUNA, and Mr. DONALDS):

H.R. 8822. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the payment of certain Federal taxes with bitcoin; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HUIZENGA (for himself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. MILLS):

H.R. 8823. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to withhold from States certain apportionments if the States do not make reasonable efforts to prohibit certain roadway obstruction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. KEATING (for himself, Mr. FOSTER, and Mr. HUIZENGA):

H.R. 8824. A bill to require the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to strengthen United States-European nuclear energy cooperation and combat Russian malign influence in the nuclear energy sector in Europe; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania (for herself, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. DELUZIO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. PETERS, Ms. TLAB, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr.